



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 9, 2021
MINUTES**

A meeting of the City Council ("Council") of the Village of The Hills ("the Village") was held in person and remotely. Mayor Wharton called the meeting to order and the roll was called of the duly constituted officers and members of the Council to wit:

Greg Wharton, Mayor
Hilda Potsavich, Mayor Pro Tem
Robert Smith, Councilmember, Secretary

Jim Nelson, Councilmember, Treasurer
Sarah Carroll, Councilmember
Rick Van Dalen, Councilmember

and all said persons were present except Greg Wharton, who attended via Zoom thus constituting a quorum.

Also present were Wendy Smith, Sonja De La Fuente and Linda Lunney, Village of The Hills. Tom Stiles, POA; outgoing Councilmembers Zac Carroll and Rodney Thompson.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was call to order at 9:01 a.m., with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich.

SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCILMEMBERS

New Councilmembers, Rick Van Dalen and Sarah Carroll, were sworn in by the City Secretary. The Mayor and Council thanked outgoing Councilmembers, Zac Carroll and Rodney Thompson for their service.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Council went into Executive Session at 9:15 a.m.

The Mayor and City Council may adjourn into Executive Session at any time during the course of this meeting to discuss any matters listed on the agenda, as authorized by the Texas Government Code including, but not limited to, Sections §441.071 (Consultation with attorney), §551.072 (Deliberations about Real Property), §551.073 (Deliberations about Gifts and Donations), §551.074 (Personnel Matters), §551.076 (Deliberations about Security Devices), §551.087 (Economic Development), §418.183

(Deliberations about Homeland Security Issues), and as authorized by the Texas Tax Code including, but not limited to Section 321.3022 (Sales Tax Information).

- Deliberations about Real Property: Stillmeadow Greenbelt and The Hills Drive Dam

The Council came out of Executive Session at 9:45 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of October 12, 2021
2. Finance/Treasurer's Report for October 2021
3. End of Year Financial Report

Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich moved approval of the consent agenda with the caveat of a more detailed and annotated end of year financial report; Councilmember Smith seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

REPORTS

1. Law Enforcement

The written report was reviewed showing 7 traffic Citations, 41 Warnings. Daily activities by officers include; patrolling every street, self-initiating personal contact with the community, stationary and rolling radar for compliance of the speed limit; escorting school busses for children safety; and community events.

2. POA Liaison

Mayor Wharton reported on the POA meeting:

- Inspections show residents are 96% in compliance with POA Rules.
- Holiday decorations cannot be displayed earlier than 30 days prior to the holiday.
- Eight homes conveyed in the past month. A discussion of a welcome packet ensued.
- The Architecture Committee has two positions available for residents with architectural experience.
- The unusually high rate of late assessment payments was discussed.
- Macie Hatch has been chosen permanent site manager.
- Feedback on the increased law enforcement has been positive.
- The POA has agreed to participate with the Village in the Volunteer Dinner in February

3. MUD Liaison

Councilmember Carroll reported on the recent meeting. The Board discussed maintenance issues and the order of urgency including:

- Effluent pond liner
- Effluent interconnect with Lakeway MUD
- Elevated tower repair

- Emergency Preparedness Plan

4. Park Liaison

- **Movie Night**
- **HillsFest**

Councilmember Smith reported on the recent meeting including:

- Holiday in the Park will be December 5 – 25th.
- HillsFest was reviewed, noting successes and changes for future events.
- Movie Night was successful and a request was received for 2 movie nights a year.

Councilmember Nelson suggested that notes from these events be formalized for future commissioners. The City Manager was asked to start advertising to the residents about the playscape replacement once the dates for installation are confirmed.

5. Youth Advisory Commission

Wendy Smith reported on a good turnout for Trunk or Treat. Many of the YAC came out to help at HillsFest. She commented that the present Commission is a very enthusiastic group.

6. City Manager's Report

Ms. Smith introduced the new City Secretary Sonja De La Fuente. She reported that the city web site and existing emails have been converted to .gov from .org. Once the new emails for the new councilmembers have been set up, the new website address will be advertised to the residents.

7. Mayor's Report

The greenbelt easement for ClubCorp's tee box will be forwarded to ClubCorp after final review.

BUSINESS ITEMS

1. Discussion and consideration of a request by the Resident at 20 Cottondale to remove City perimeter fence panels for the purpose of pool construction

The resident at 20 Cottondale appeared to request removal of the City perimeter fence panel to facilitate pool construction. The City has denied requests for temporary fence removals in the past because it is a breach in the security integrity of the fence. Since the property backs to Lohman's Crossing the resident would also need to get permission from the City of Lakeway.

Mayor Wharton pointed out that the majority of the council seemed to be against approval; however, if she wanted to pursue the issue with Lakeway and, depending on the response, she is welcome to come back before the Council with a proposal for reconsideration.

2. Ratify payment in the amount of \$6,840 to Lakeway Tree Experts for tree trimming services

Lakeway Tree Experts performed tree trimming services in various locations, including The Hills Drive boulevard and the Lohmans Crossing right-of-way. The invoice has been paid.

Councilmember Smith moved to ratify payment to Lakeway Tree Experts in the amount of \$6,840 for tree trimming services; Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

3. Update Regarding Walking Trail VTH.003

The bid solicitation is scheduled to advertise on November 7 and 14, with bid opening on December 6. The winning bid is anticipated to be awarded at the January Council meeting and construction started in February. A letter to residents along the trail route is being drafted. A Zoom meeting will be offered if response warrants it.

4. Discussion and consideration regarding creation of a Technology & Infrastructure Commission

Mayor Wharton reviewed with the Council Planning Commission Ordinance 14-2001. He asked the Council to review the Ordinance and make recommendations on updating or replacing the Ordinance to meet current needs. The Mayor would like to recruit residents experienced in technology and infrastructure.

5. Appointment of the Mayor as CAPCOG General Assembly Representative

The CAPCOG General Assembly is composed of the official representatives of all member organizations. The Mayor is usually appointed to this position yearly.

Councilmember Smith moved to appoint the Mayor as CAPCOG General Assembly Representative; Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS

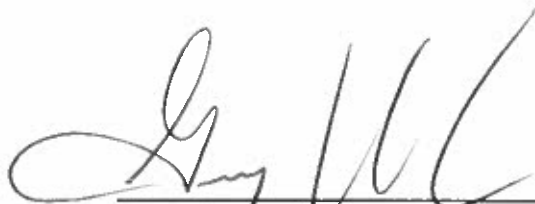
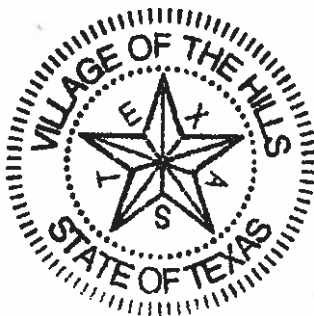
- 6. New business items to be included on the next agenda
 - Committee Assignments
 - Volunteer Dinner

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Potsavich moved to adjourn at 10:43 am; Councilmember Nelson seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Signed this 14th day of December 2021.

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Greg Wharton, Mayor

Linda Lunney, City Secretary